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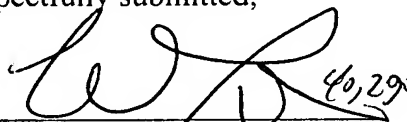
This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 27, 2006. Claims 21-37 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration of the pending claims for reasons already made of record in the previous response is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks Examiner Rojas for the courtesy and time spent discussing this application in a telephone interview on Friday, February 2, 2007. In the interview, the outstanding action and corresponding restriction requirement were discussed, and Examiner Rojas indicated that the restriction requirement would be withdrawn, and that claims 21-37 would be examined following submission of this request for reconsideration of the claims.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims which remain in the application are solicited. If any further issues remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve them.

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Respectfully submitted,

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